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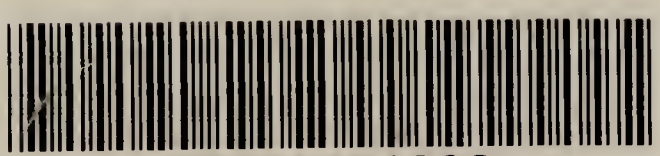
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REPORT

OF THE

Sixty-second Annual General Meeting

HELD IN THE

LARGE HALL OF THE EYE INFIRMARY

ON

28TH MARCH, 1944.

Major K. Lemesle Adams (Chairman) presided.

The following were present:—Alderman F. S. Thompson, J.P. (Mayor of Wolverhampton), Mr. Brian Adams, Mrs. K. Lemesle Adams, Mr. Laurence S. Albiston (Chairman of the Hospital Saturday Committee), Mr. J. H. Ankey, Miss Connell, Mrs. S. A. Craddock (Chairman of the Ladies' Committee), Mr. Roland Harper, Mr. W. H. Harper, Mr. S. J. Harris, Mr. Guy F. Haycraft, Mr. Peter Hill, Mr. W. H. Hodge, Mrs. Horne, Mr. Samuel Hunt, Mrs. W. U. Jackson, Mr. G. B. Jenks, Mr. David Jones, Mrs. Bertram Kidson, Mr. Frank Lewis, Mr. R. A. Manby, Mrs. R. A. Manby, Mr. Cuthbert Meynell, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. H. Campbell Orr, Mrs. H. Campbell Orr, Mrs. H. Richards, the Rev. G. Leonard Robinson, Mrs. B. J. Angus Shaw, Mrs. C. Hamilton Shaw, Mr. Evan J. Sherlock, Mr. C. Staves, Mrs. Rowland Tildesley, Miss Tildesley, Miss F. Fischer (House Surgeon), Miss M. Campbell (House Surgeon), Miss Jones (Matron), Miss Voisey (Orthoptist), Miss Pearce (Assistant Orthoptist), Miss Constance (Dispenser), Miss S. S. Sleigh (Assistant Dispenser), Miss Walker (Almoner), Miss Bennett (Assistant Almoner), Major Eustace G. Lees (Secretary), Miss L. Oliver (Assistant Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. F. Challinor, Mr. J. Edgar Fowler, Mrs. William Henry Fowler, Mr. Paul E. Gibbons, Mr. A. Wynn Green, Mrs. A. Wynn Green, Mr. C. Holland Harper, Mrs. G. F. Haycraft, Mr. J. E. James, Mrs. J. E. James, Mr. T. C. James, Mr. W. Royse Lysaght, Mr. A. J. Moore, Mr. A. E. Ralph, Mr. G. Ronald Sankey, Mr. Leslie Thomas, Mrs. James Thompson, Mr. J. Tonks, Mr. Wilkie.

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th March, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman spoke with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. Herbert Meynell, who had joined the Managing Committee in 1905, had been Vice-Chairman from 1919—1932, when he resigned from that position, and had continued as a member of the Committee until his death; he had also been a Trustee since 1910.

On behalf of those present he tendered their very deep sympathy to Mr. Cuthbert Meynell.

In presenting the Report, the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the Mayor; he also extended a welcome to the Deputy Chairman of the Royal Hospital (Mr. W. H. Harper).

He referred with great regret to the death of Mr. N. B. Graham, Chairman of the Royal Hospital, and asked Mr. Harper to convey the Meeting's deep regret to his Committee.

The number of patients had increased greatly; possibly the population of Wolverhampton had increased. It might be, however, that the Hospital was getting better known and that people were taking more advantage of it.

Of the three Resident Surgeons, two were Refugees from other countries, who would presumably return there after the War, when all here would be very sorry to lose them.

Miss A. D. Baxter, who had left, was possessed of exceptional ability and had carried out valuable re-organisation.

Concerning the training of First-Aid Personnel at Works as regards accidents to the eye, the Committee felt that Firms had not fully availed themselves of such training.

A Hospitals Joint Advisory Council had been formed in Wolverhampton between the Corporation, the Royal Hospital and the Eye Infirmary. At the moment its activities might be described as "feeling its feet," but the issue of the White Paper seemed to indicate that it would necessitate an extension of its area and consequently an increase of its usefulness.

Further building would probably be required after the War, when costs might easily be double those at the time of the last enlargements in 1938.

The recent Government White Paper on National Health Services would mean the destruction of the Eye Infirmary as a Voluntary Hospital. It would appear that, after a shower of flattery from the Government, the Voluntary Hospitals would, if they accepted the invitation to take a place in the Scheme, be regimented to the standard of every other Hospital in the country; they would not be able to stir a finger without reference to Authority.

The Managing Committee would not hesitate to suffer this, if they were convinced that it was for the good of the patients; but was this so? The Eye Infirmary had undertaken to treat "free" anyone whose basic income did not exceed £6 a week; others could obtain eye treatment, not available elsewhere locally, on payment. The Government Scheme would extend free treatment to those with incomes in excess of £6 a week.

The Voluntary Hospitals would have to suffer destruction in order to provide free treatment for the richer people. He thought that such people preferred to get treatment from a private Surgeon and to pay for it; the Government would be providing something that was not wanted. That, in effect, was the Scheme as it stood. It would mean that the Voluntary Hospitals would get no subscriptions; the resources and the Endowment Fund of the Eye Infirmary would be used in relief of the taxpayer. As the law stood it could not be done. He doubted if any Government would be so bold as to take over the Funds voluntarily subscribed to Institutions such as the Eye Infirmary.

Did the electorate of the country think that the time had come for the Voluntary system to go? If they knew what the Voluntary system meant, he did not think that they would wish it to go. The present system was the spirit and urge behind the efforts of purely voluntary workers for this and other Hospitals; the proposal was to destroy it. He felt that this should be brought to the notice of the electorate.

The Mayor, in moving the adoption of the Report, said what pleasure it gave him to be there—especially after his visit to the Eye Infirmary on Christmas Day. Both he and the Mayoress were deeply interested in all Institutions in the town. Although he had been on the Council for twenty years, he had learned more of the work of the Hospitals in those few months than he had in all the other years.

Mr. W. H. Harper, in seconding the adoption of the Report, congratulated the Committee on their financial position; he felt that the Eye Infirmary deserved all the support which it received. The total of £12,066 from the Workpeople's Hospital Saturday Subscriptions was indeed creditable. He wished the Eye Infirmary continued success.

Personally, when the White Paper was brought out, he was disappointed. He had had many conversations with the two previous Ministers of Health, but not with the present one. The first words of the Minister on introducing this White Paper to the House of Commons were words of apology and withdrawal; there would be no free treatment at all. According to the Beveridge Report, the contribution for hospital treat-

ment would be 10d. per week. In this district the workpeople were paying 4d. to the Royal Hospital and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (in some cases a 1d.) to the Eye Infirmary. As far as he could see, the Patient would not get anything extra for this money.

The Hospitals would have to work under the Local Authorities. Local Authorities had had power since 1875 to do a great deal for Hospitals, and since 1929 they had had added power to spend money in the provision of Hospitals and Hospital services. With a few notable exceptions, of which Wolverhampton was one, Local Authorities, who had had golden opportunities, had neglected to do anything. Why, then, should the Hospitals be handed over to the Authorities which had not used their powers for the benefit of the Patient?

He had hoped for Central bodies to be set up on which the Local Authority and the Hospitals could help each other. There was no suggestion in the White Paper that Voluntary Hospitals should have any representation on the Administrative Bodies suggested.

The proposal of the White Paper was that Hospitals should receive £2 per bed per week, whereas the cost per bed at the Eye Infirmary in 1943 had been practically £4 11s. 0d. The Local Authority would pay the Eye Infirmary for the work which they did, but they would not pay the full cost; thus the grant and the amount received from the Local Authorities would not meet the full cost. It would, therefore, be for the Managing Committee to make up the difference from voluntary sources.

The British Hospitals Association was fighting the Scheme, and he wished them every success. He wished to pay a great tribute to the Chairman of the British Hospitals Association, who was giving an enormous amount of time to ensure the Voluntary Hospitals receiving a "square deal."

The Report was then adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Cuthbert Meynell, seconded by Mr. Haycraft, and carried unanimously, that Major K. Lemesle Adams, O.B.E., Mr. G. B. Jenks and Major A. R. Twentyman, M.A., be, and they are hereby, re-elected members of the Managing Committee.

The election of Mr. Cuthbert Meynell and Mr. G. Ronald Sankey, M.A., A.M.I.E.E., as Trustees, was confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr. Manby, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried unanimously, that Messrs. B. Smith, Son & Wilkie be re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. G. Leonard Robinson, and seconded by Mr. Albiston, was unanimously passed to the Honorary Medical Staff for the valuable services which they had rendered during the past year.

Mr. Haycraft, in acknowledging the vote of thanks on behalf of his colleagues, said that they hoped to be able to continue in their work without drastic alterations. He wished to take this opportunity of thanking the Nursing Staff for the excellent help which they gave to the Surgeons; during the many years in which he had been at the Eye Infirmary they had always had a good team. He thought that his colleagues would agree that they derived great benefit from their work at the Eye Infirmary; he found that hospital work was the happiest work of all.

It was proposed by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Hill, and carried unanimously, that votes of thanks be accorded to:—

The Ladies' Committee, coupled with the name of Mrs. Craddock, Chairman.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Hospital Saturday Committee, coupled with the name of Mr. L. S. Albiston.

The Chairman and Honorary Clerical and Lay Secretaries of the Hospital Sunday Committee, coupled with the names of His Worship the Mayor of Wolverhampton and Mr. A. M. Baker.

The Committee of the "Queen Alexandra Day" Collection and those who have worked in its interest, coupled with the name of Mrs. S. C. Dyke.

The Rev. G. Leonard Robinson, D.S.O., for the Services held for the benefit of the patients.

The Manager of the Grand Theatre for placing seats at the disposal of the Nursing Staff.

The Proprietors of the *Express and Star* for publishing weekly statistics as to the work done at the Eye Infirmary, and for at all times furthering the work of the Hospital.

The Manager and Staff at Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Wolverhampton.

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Messrs. Barclays Bank, Ltd., Bilston,

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for receiving Workmen's Contributions on Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Angus Shaw and Mrs. W. H. Lewis for distributing books from the "Red Cross" Library to the patients and the Nursing Staff.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Manby, seconded by Mr. David Jones, was unanimously passed to the Chairman for presiding.

WOLVERHAMPTON & MIDLAND COUNTIES EYE INFIRMARY

Sixty-second Annual Report

Being the Report for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

**Submitted at the Annual General Meeting
on the 28th March, 1944.**

To the Governors and Subscribers of the Wolverhampton
and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary.

Your Committee has the honour to present its Annual Report
and Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December,
1943.

NATIONAL ECONOMY.

Your Committee feels it their duty to continue to reduce
the size of the General Report by omitting the usual lists of
Subscriptions, Donations, etc., and by reducing, as far as
possible, the remaining sections of the Report.

PATIENTS.

The total number of New Patients has been 26,621, and the
Number of In-Patients 1,620.

There have been 74,882 attendances; 12,657 accidents have
been treated; most of these have been attended to without
tickets.

The following statistics indicate how the work of the
Infirmary has increased during the last three decades:—

Year.		New			In-
		Patients.	Attendances.	Accidents.	Patients.
1913	...	8,491	19,044	4,330	467
1923	...	10,936	24,715	5,379	468
1933	...	14,149	41,827	7,231	916
1943	...	26,621	74,882	12,657	1,620

The daily average of patients treated throughout the years 1941, 1942 and 1943 was :—

		1941.	1942.	1943.
In-Patients	...	33.26	44.44	51.67
Out-Patients	...	188.39	200.25	205.15
Total	...	221.65	244.69	256.82

SIGHT TESTING.

The general public are reminded that the services of the Eye Infirmary include (in addition to the treatment of diseases of, and accidents to, eyes) ordinary tests of eyesight.

Persons bringing tickets can have such tests and be provided with prescriptions for spectacles by the Medical Staff. Such prescriptions can be made up by the official dispensing opticians on the premises at special prices, or by any competent optician, at the option of the patient.

Members of Approved Societies requiring sight tests should bear in mind that they may be entitled to a private examination by an Ophthalmic Surgeon and to assistance in buying the prescribed spectacles. The Lady Almoner can give advice about obtaining this benefit.

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Major A. R. Twentyman, M.A., is still serving in H.M. Forces.

Mr. Peter Hill was elected by the Hospital Saturday Committee as their fourth Member under Rule 13 as amended by the Annual General Meeting on the 26th March, 1943.

HONORARY TREASURER.

Mr. E. E. Wilshaw relinquished the post of Manager at Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., and was thanked by your Committee for his services.

Mr. D. J. Leather, who succeeded him, has accepted the position of Honorary Treasurer.

THE MEDICAL STAFF.

Miss M. M. Loughnan, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., relinquished the post of Registrar upon being appointed an Officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps; she had given devoted service for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Mr. A. Hirtenstein, M.D., D.O. (Oxon.), at one time House Surgeon, has replaced her as Registrar.

Mr. K. H. Mehta, M.B., B.S. (Bombay), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (London), relinquished the post of House Surgeon, and Miss F. Fischer, M.D., and Miss M. Campbell, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., were appointed.

THE NURSING STAFF.

With the growing number of both In-Patients and Out-Patients, your Committee felt it necessary to increase the Staff by three Nurses, the establishment now being one Matron, five Sisters, four Staff Nurses, seven Assistant Nurses, and nine Probationers—a total of 26.

Additional accommodation will have to be provided as soon as circumstances permit.

The Report of the Rushcliffe Committee as regards the salaries of the Nursing Staff has been adopted—with a consequent increase in expenditure.

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT.

Miss Joan Tallyn was appointed as Assistant Orthoptist to meet the increasing work, but resigned upon joining the Women's Auxiliary Air Force; her place has been taken by Miss Elizabeth Pearce.

THE DISPENSARY.

The increasing number of Patients made it necessary to increase the Staff.

Miss S. S. Sleigh was appointed as Assistant Dispenser.

ALMONER'S DEPARTMENT.

To meet the demands made by the Ministry of Health upon the services of this Department, your Committee appointed Miss M. M. Walker, A.I.H.A., Assistant Almoner. Upon the resignation of Miss A. D. Baxter, A.I.H.A., who took up a position at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, Miss Walker was appointed Senior Almoner and Miss Geraldine Bennett, A.I.H.A., Assistant Almoner.

THE DOMESTIC STAFF.

The recommendation of the Minister of Labour as regards wages and conditions of service has been adopted—with a consequent increase of Staff and expenditure.

TRAINING OF FIRST-AID PERSONNEL AT WORKS AS REGARDS ACCIDENT TO THE EYE.

Your Committee are still prepared to extend training to State Trained Nurses for periods of not less than two months.

THE MIDLAND OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Your Committee welcomed the Meeting of the above, which was held here on the 2nd November.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON HOSPITALS' JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Your Committee has appointed Representatives.

Miss Oliver, Assistant Secretary, has been appointed Secretary to the Council.

DEEP MEDICAL DIATHERMY INSTRUMENT.

Your Committee hope to install very shortly—at a cost exceeding £150—the above instrument.

More than £150 was expended during 1943 on new equipment.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR KEY WORKERS IN VITAL WAR FACTORIES.

Your Committee are co-operating whole-heartedly to meet the wishes of the Ministry of Health as regards priority facilities to be afforded to key workers; they had anticipated these wishes and had already taken steps to expedite all Out-Patient treatment.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM FIRMS.

Your Committee have noted with pleasure the increasing number of Employers of Labour who subscribe, showing a real appreciation of the wonderful facilities provided by this Eye Infirmary.

Your Committee would appreciate greatly the support of all Employers of Labour throughout the district.

BUILDING, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Prior to the present War, the highest total of In-Patients in a year had been 1,067; in 1942 there were 1,339, and last year there were 1,620 (an increase of more than 50%); the increase in the number of beds from 70 to 80 has been fully justified; there have already been times when there has been a shortage of beds.

This, taken in conjunction with the growth of the work in the Out-Patient Department, indicates that further extensions may have to be carried out after the War is ended.

Your Committee are, therefore, very desirous of setting aside each year a sum for such a purpose.

They acknowledge with deep gratitude donations exceeding £600.

ISSUE OF TICKETS.

Your Committee is continuing to issue three tickets for each guinea subscribed, each of which is available for one month.

In-Patients are required to provide two tickets.

The object of the Hospital is to benefit the community as much as possible, and the large number of tickets issued to subscribers throughout the District is for the purpose of facilitating Patients attending the Eye Infirmary at an early stage, thereby reducing the risk of eye disease being accentuated.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The total of £12,066 2s. 4d. for 1943 shows an increase of more than 8% over the highest previous total—that for 1942.

Your Committee desire to express their admiration and deep gratitude for the continually increasing contribution made by the Working Men and Women throughout the District, and take this opportunity of thanking them publicly. They feel that the result is one to be proud of, and thank Mr. Albiston, Chairman, the members of the Hospital Saturday Committee, and the Working Men and Women throughout the District for their very generous support.

The receipts from Hospital Saturday Subscriptions, as stated below, speak for themselves.

1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
£7,672	£8,078	£8,772	£9,745	£11,149	£12,066

The recommendation of the Hospital Saturday Committee is that:—Working Men and Women throughout the District should contribute to the Eye Infirmary:—

Men	...	...	...	Halfpenny per week.
Women and Youths	...			Halfpenny per fortnight.

The recommendation has been widely adopted, and in some cases they are so good as to pay 1d. a week.

It is hoped that all Workers in the District, who have not already done so, will respond to it.

LEGACIES.

The following legacies have been very gratefully received during the year:—

					£	s.	d.
Abraham Anslow	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Miss S. A. Holles	...	...	...	...	1,940	18	5
R. D. Lewis	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
Joseph Legge, O.B.E., J.P.	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Mrs. Ann Swindley, on further account of share of residue	...	...	...	...	2,500	0	0

RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX UPON SUBSCRIPTIONS.

This continues to grow. The present high rate of Income Tax makes this a very helpful source of income.

It is hoped that more Subscribers will apply to the Secretary for the Form of Covenant.

THE DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

The Examining Board in England by the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England recognise the Eye Infirmary as an Institution at which the full course required for admission to the D.O.M.S. may be taken.

VISITING DAYS.

Visiting days for relatives and friends of In-Patients are :—

SUNDAYS, from 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

THURSDAYS, from 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

THE HOUSE VISITORS.

The House Visitors, members of the Hospital Saturday Committee, by their reports, have testified to the comfort and happiness of the Patients.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFTS.

Numerous gifts of eggs, vegetables and fruit have been received, and are acknowledged with thanks. These are specially appreciated.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS.

Your Committee wish to acknowledge the valuable services rendered during the year by the Fire Fighting Squads.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

K. LEMESLE ADAMS,

Chairman.

SIXTY-SECOND MEDICAL REPORT.

(Year ending 31st December, 1943.)

Total Number of New Out-Patients	...	...	...	...	...	26,621
" " Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	74,882
" " In-Patients	...	...	...	...	...	1,620
" " Eye Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	12,657
" " Artificial Eyes	...	...	...	...	...	127
" " Operations:—						
Theatre	...	...	...	...	...	988
Out-Patient Department (Minor)	...	...	...	...	...	1,235
" " Orthoptic Department:—						
New Patients	...	...	...	...	...	88
Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	6,795
" " Dental Department:—						
Examinations	...	...	...	...	...	211
Treatments	...	...	...	...	...	128
" " Anæsthetics Administered:—						
General	...	...	...	...	...	424
Local	...	...	...	...	...	1,799
" " Ultra-Violet Light Treatments	...	...	...	...	...	374
" " Private In-Patients	...	...	...	...	...	107

SUMMARY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	2,007	14	1
Church and Chapel Offertories	24	1	6
Friendly Societies and Clubs	342	10	7
Donations	417	15	5
Collected in Boxes	392	1	2
Wolverhampton and District Hospital Sunday Fund	49	2	10
Employers' Contribution Fund, 1943	148	12	5
Contributory Associations	708	4	6

Donations to the New Building Fund:—

1935-1936	...	...	...	...	...	5,443	5	7
1937	...	...	...	...	...	2,985	0	7
1938	...	...	...	...	...	3,390	11	10
1939	...	...	...	...	...	1,310	12	7
1940	...	...	...	...	...	599	0	3
1941	...	...	...	...	...	490	15	3
1942	...	...	...	...	...	710	15	7
1943	...	...	...	...	...	806	15	10

ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENTS, 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

	Cost.			Income for the year 1943.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£2,383 Great Western Railway Consolidated Guaranteed 5% Stock	3,016	1	11	119	3	0
Great Indian Peninsula Railway £90 3s. 0d. "B" Annuities	2,350	12	6	64	0	8
£600 Wolverhampton Corporation 4½% Stock 1952/62	651	19	0	27	0	0
£2,600 Wolverhampton Corporation 3% Stock 1924/54	2,269	13	0	75	6	0
£2,000 London and North-Eastern Railway 4% First Guaranteed Stock	2,679	15	3	80	0	0
£450 Southern Railway 5% Preference Stock ...	753	9	6	22	10	0
£900 Southern Railway 5% Guaranteed Preference Stock	1,079	15	9	45	0	0
£600 Southampton Corporation 3% Stock 1920/60	586	9	1	18	0	0
£1,695 2s. 8d. India 3½% Stock to date of redemption	—	—	—	14	16	7
£5,900 3½% Conversion Stock	4,837	13	7	190	18	6
£7,900 3% Local Loans	5,026	0	2	237	0	0
£29,600 3½% War Stock (£22,500 taken at par value)	29,645	8	7	940	4	4
£680 East Indian Railway 3% Debenture Stock to date of redemption	—	—	—	5	2	0
£918 Canadian Pacific Railway 4% Perpetual Consolidated Debenture Stock	752	5	11	36	14	4
£2,800 4% Consolidated Stock	2,553	11	0	112	0	0
£2,550 Surrey County Council 4½% Redeemable Stock 1950/70	2,550	6	0	114	15	0
£2,500 Metropolitan Water "B" Stock	1,612	10	0	75	0	0
Wolverhampton Corporation 3% Mortgage ...	1,500	0	0	45	0	0
£2,500 Southern Railway 4% Redeemable Deben- ture Stock 1970/80	2,525	7	0	100	0	0
£3,000 Australia 4% Stock 1943/48	2,951	11	0	120	0	0
£2,500 Australia 3¾% Stock 1946/49	2,318	19	0	93	15	0
£2,000 Northern Ireland 3¾% Stock 1950/54 ...	1,999	6	9	60	11	2
£2,500 Stockton-on-Tees Corporation 3% Stock 1956/58	2,240	16	6	75	0	0
£2,500 Gold Coast 4½% Stock 1956	2,747	3	6	112	10	0
£3,400 3% War Loan 1955/59	3,409	17	8	98	12	6
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds	1,000	0	0	30	0	0
£7,100 3% Funding Loan 1959/69	7,055	6	8	206	14	2
£9,000 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65	9,031	19	9	211	10	0
Market Value, 31st Dec., 1943, £105,201 4s. 10d. ...	97,145	19	1	3,331	3	3
Freehold Properties	18,153	10	3	795	1	5
	£115,299	9	4	£4,126	4	8

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND INVESTMENT, 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£9,800 3% Redemption Stock 1986/96	9,723	5	0	154	10	0
Market Value, 31st December, 1943, £9,653.						

THE WOLVERHAMPTON & MIDLAND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

1942. £ s. d.			INCOME.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
I. Voluntary Gifts.														
1. Subscriptions, Donations, etc.:—														
11,149	17	6	Workpeople's Saturday Subscriptions ...			12,066	2	4						
543	4	0	Subscriptions from Contributory Schemes ...			708	4	6						
2,124	5	10	Other Annual Subscriptions ...			2,374	6	2						
			Income Tax recovered in respect of											
119	0	2	Annual Subscriptions ...			171	19	10						
327	13	8	Donations ...			417	15	5						
294	8	11	Box Collections ...			392	1	2						
45	0	0	Gifts in kind ...			25	0	0						
									16,155	9	5			
2. Central Funds:—														
50	1	8	Wolverhampton and District Hospital											
			Sunday Fund ...			49	2	10						
142	14	9	Wolverhampton Hospitals Joint Com-											
			mittee Employers' Contribution Fund ...			148	12	5						
434	13	10	Wolverhampton and District Queen											
			Alexandra Day Collections ...			391	10	2						
									589	5	5			
II. Receipts on Account of Services rendered.														
1. Contributions on account of Services to Patients.														
(a) From Patients and their Societies:—														
584	9	7	Private Patients ...			584	8	8						
			Contributory Schemes ...			43	12	0						
11	18	0	Approved Societies ...											
									628	0	8			
(b) From Public Authorities:—														
5	4	0	War Pensioners ...			6	6	0						
84	10	6	Services Patients ...											
134	4	11	Ministry of Health ...			219	3	8						
									225	9	8			
2. Fees:—														
			Nurses' and Probationers' Fees ...											
3. Other Receipts:—														
			Buffet Takings less Expenses ...											
III. Invested Property.														
			Interests, Dividends, etc. ...			3,331	3	3						
			Less Annual Charge in respect of											
			Armstrong Bequest ...			97	15	4						
3,160	13	11							3,233	7	11			
816	12	3	Rents ...						795	1	5			
			Share of Gross Income on Undivided Estate											
30	6	5	of Miss Georgina Marson, Deceased ...						32	1	6			
110	14	8	Ditto of James Owens, Deceased ...						99	0	2			
			Miss S. A. Holles, Deceased ...						105	8	6			
			Mrs. Ann Swindley, Deceased ...						1,021	1	5			
									5,286	0	11			
20,169	14	7	Ordinary Income											
EXTRAORDINARY.														
			1. Legacies (see Endowment Fund) ...											
Total Income														
Balance, being excess of Total Expenditure over														
Total Income for the year ...														
									22,884	6	1			

COUNTIES EYE INFIRMARY.**THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

1942.			EXPENDITURE.										£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
£	s.	d.	ORDINARY.										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1,812	5	1	I. Provisions													2,052	7	9
			II. Surgery and Dispensary:—															
559	13	3	1. Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.										949	3	10			
68	14	9	2. Dressings, Bandages, etc.										71	2	8			
666	7	0	3. Instruments and Appliances										532	14	0			
6	5	6	4. Wines and Spirits															
304	0	5	5. Salaries and Wages of Dispensing Staff										407	3	1			
			6. Sundries:—															
205	5	0	Pathological and Bacteriological Services										210	10	0			
30	15	8	Incidentals										20	14	3			
																2,191	7	10
			III. Domestic:—															
			1. Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc.										819	8	9			
569	11	3	2. Laundry										400	10	3			
403	15	0	3. Cleaning and Chandlery										162	10	5			
161	8	7	4. Water										40	0	8			
46	13	10	5. Fuel, Lighting, Heat and Power										1,068	14	0			
1,126	15	10	6. Uniforms										117	11	7			
88	8	11	7. Sundries										60	12	3			
8	16	3														2,669	7	11
			IV. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance):—															
1,763	0	11	1. Medical										2,017	4	7			
1,697	3	4	2. Nursing										2,238	13	11			
2,443	15	11	3. Other Officers and Employees										2,973	15	10			
210	0	0	4. Pensions										210	0	0			
																7,439	14	4
			V. Miscellaneous:—															
238	10	2	1. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.										369	7	10			
34	6	6	2. Advertisements										36	2	9			
102	10	9	3. Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores etc.										102	3	10			
63	3	0	4. Garden										69	10	1			
28	4	5	5. Sundries										35	15	7			
																613	0	1
			VI. Administration:—															
1,671	9	10	1. Salaries										1,683	19	9			
.	.	.	2. Pensions										.	.	.			
478	4	8	3. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.										549	8	0			
5	1	8	4. Advertisements										1	17	6			
10	6	0	5. Law Charges										11	4	0			
54	12	0	6. Auditors' Fee										54	12	0			
37	1	0	7. Sundries										54	2	0			
																2,355	3	3
			VII. Establishment:—															
243	2	8	Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant													423	17	11
			VIII. Finance:—															
.	.	.	1. Interest										.	.	.			
13	0	4	2. Appeals										18	4	8			
.	.	.	3. Rent										80	0	0			
80	0	0	4. Rates and Taxes													98	4	8
15,232	9	6	Ordinary Expenditure													17,843	3	9
			EXTRAORDINARY.															
			I. Contributions to other Institutions															
			II. Other Extraordinary Expenditure:—															
5	13	1	Buffet Expenses less Takings										7	4	3			
40	0	0	Samaritan Fund										60	0	0			
4,350	0	0	Building, Maintenance and Improvement Fund										4,500	0	0			
14	14	0	Surveyor's Fee										.	.	.			
			Air Raid Precautions										£	s.	d.			
			Less Grants from Ministry of Health and other Authorities										722	0	1			
													389	5	0			
336	2	1														332	15	1
41	8	6	War Damage Contributions										38	0	9			
50	8	9	War Risk Insurance										33	12	6			
			Extraordinary Expenditure													4,971	12	7
			Total Expenditure													22,814	16	4
			Balance, being excess of Total Income over Total Expenditure for the year													69	9	9
£20,169	14	7														£22,884	6	1

BALANCE SHEET AS

LIABILITIES.

1. Sundry Creditors:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) General Fund	1,669	6	5			
(2) Buildings and Equipment						
				1,669	6	5
2. Loans to Hospital:—						
3. Capital Accounts.						
(a) Hospital Endowments.						
Endowment Fund:—						
As at 31st December, 1942	104,371	3	6			
Legacies during 1943:—						
Abraham Anslow	50	0	0			
Mrs. S. A. Holles	1,940	18	5			
R. D. Lewis	200	0	0			
Joseph Legge	100	0	0			
Mrs. Ann Swindley	2,500	0	0			
				4,790	18	5
Profit on Redemption of £1,695 2s. 8d						
India 3½ per cent Stock	193	19	8			
£680 East Indian Railway 3 per cent.						
Debenture Stock	238	14	2			
				432	13	10
				109,594	15	9
Bell Shaw Memorial Fund	1,000	0	0			
William Henry Fowler Memorial Fund	1,000	0	0			
Miss Edith Brown						
John Green Richards Endowed Bed	3,000	0	0			
A. Baldwin Bantock						
Kate Phyllis Bantock Endowed Bed	1,000	0	0			
				115,594	15	9
(b) Special Funds						
(c) Buildings and Equipment Funds.						
Building, Maintenance and Improvement Fund:—						
As at 31st December, 1942	8,379	3	3			
Donations during 1943	806	15	10			
Income from Investments	154	10	0			
Allocation from Income and Expenditure Account	4,500	0	0			
				13,840	9	1
(d) General Fund:—						
As at 31st December, 1942	884	9	2			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	69	9	9			
				953	18	11
(e) Suspense Funds						
4. Unexpended Income Balances of Special Funds						
				£132,058	10	2

AT 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

ASSETS.

1. Cash at Bank and in Hand.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On account of:—						
(a) Endowments	295	6	5			
(b) Special Funds	.	.	.			
(c) Building and Equipment Funds						
Building, Maintenance and Improvement Fund	4,117	4	1			
(d) General Fund	520	3	10			
(e) Suspense Funds	.	.	.			
				4,932	14	4
2. Stocks of Unissued Stores on hand as valued by the Officials ...				951	18	0
3. Sundry Debtors:—						
General Fund				1,151	3	6
4. Internal Loans:—				.	.	.
5. Investments (as detailed on page —):—						
(a) Hospital Endowments	115,299	9	4			
(b) Special Funds	.	.	.			
(c) Buildings and Equipment Funds	9,723	5	0			
(d) General Fund	.	.	.			
(e) Suspense Funds	.	.	.			
				125,022	14	4
6. Land, Buildings and Equipment of the Hospital.						
The cost of the Site, Buildings, Furniture and Appliances						
is not included.				.	.	.

£132,058 10 2

We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have also examined the Securities representing the Investments of the Endowment Fund and of the Building Maintenance and Improvement Fund and find them in order and safely deposited in the Trustees' Box at Lloyds Bank, Limited. The regulations of the Revised Uniform System of Hospital Accounts have been followed as far as possible in the preparation of these Accounts.

B. SMITH, SON & WILKIE,
Chartered Accountants

Wolverhampton,
10th February, 1944

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1943, compared with those of the previous year.

I. IN-PATIENTS.		Numbers in 1943	Numbers in previous year
A. Number of Beds and In-Patients.			
1. Beds—(a) Complement at 31st December		80	80
(b) Average daily complement during the year		80	74
(c) Average daily number closed during the year owing to—			
(i.) Re-building or Extension Schemes		Nil	Nil
(ii.) Repairs, Redecoration, Cleaning or Infection		Nil	Nil
(iii.) Other causes		Nil	Nil
(d) Average daily number open during the year		80	74
(e) Average daily number occupied during the year		51.67	44.44
2. Number of In-patients in the Hospital at beginning of year		40	34
3. Number of In-patients admitted during the year ..		1,580	1,305
4. Number of In-patients in the Hospital at the end of the year		32	40
5. Average number of days each Patient was resident .. (Ascertained by dividing the yearly total of daily counts, viz. :—18,861, by the number of Patients treated to a conclusion, i.e., (2) + (3) — (4).		11.88	12.55
6. Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year who were resident for—			
(i.) only 1 day		54	13
(ii.) 2 and 3 days		241	150

B. Annual Expenditure on In-patients apart from that on Out-patients; Average Cost of each In-patient per week; and Average Cost of each In-Patient.

	1943			Previous Year		
	Expen- diture on In- patients (Pounds only)	× Average Cost of each In-patient per week	+ Average Total Cost of each In-patient	× Average Cost of each In-patient per week	+ Average Total Cost of each In-patient	
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials) In-patients provide their own tea, sugar and butter.	1,562	11 7.14	19 8.07	11 6.78	1 0 8.72	
2. Surgery and Dispensary ..	615	4 6.78	7 8.95	4 9.59	8 7.20	
3. Domestic	2,425	18 0.02	1 10 6.49	18 10.72	1 13 10.31	
4. Salaries and Wages .. (Maintenance)	5,133	1 18 1.25	3 4 7.77	1 13 5.86	3 0 0.19	
5. Miscellaneous	477	3 6.49	6 0.09	2 10.49	5 1.81	
6. Administration	1,570	11 7.86	19 9.28	12 11.87	1 3 3.35	
Statistical Cost ..	11,782	4 7 5.54	7 8 4.65	4 4 7.31	7 11 7.58	
7. Establishment— Renewals and Repairs ..	382	2 10.03	4 9.73	1 10.69	3 4.65	
8. Finance	84	7.48	1 0.71	8.39	1 3.03	
Total Cost ..	12,248	4 10 11.05	7 14 3.09	4 7 2.39	7 16 3.26	

× Average Cost per week found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the average number of In-Patients resident daily (No. 1 (e) in A) and dividing by the number of weeks in the year (viz. : 52-1/7th).

+ Average Cost per In-Patient found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the number of In-Patients treated to a conclusion during the year (Nos. 2+3—4 in A).

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1943, compared with those of the previous year

II. OUT-PATIENTS.				Numbers in 1943	Numbers in previous year
A. Numbers.					
1.	Total number of new Out-patients	..	..	26,621	25,209
2.	Total number of Out-patient attendances	..	..	74,882	73,092
	(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year	..	..	Not ascer	tainable
	(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	..	..	12,657	12,691
	(c) Number of Maternity Patients included in No. 1 above, attended at home	..	..	Nil	Nil
	(d) Number of attendances on Maternity Patients included in No. 2 above	..	..	Nil	Nil

B. Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.						
		1943			Previous Year	
		Expen- diture on Out- patients (Pounds only)	× Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance	+ Average Total Cost of each Out-patient	× Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance	+ Average Total Cost of each Out-patient
		£	Pence	Pence	Pence	Pence
1.	Provisions (including Board of Officials)	490	1.57	4.42	1.55	4.49
2.	Surgery and Dispensary	1,577	5.06	14.21	4.22	12.23
3.	Domestic	244	.78	2.20	.71	2.06
4.	Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	2,307	7.39	20.80	7.33	21.27
5.	Miscellaneous	136	.44	1.22	.44	1.28
6.	Administration	785	2.52	7.08	2.47	7.16
	Statistical Cost	5,539	17.76	49.93	16.72	48.49
7.	Establishment—Renewals and Repairs	42	.13	.38	.08	.23
8.	Finance	14	.04	.13	.04	.11
	Total Cost	5,595	17.93	50.44	16.84	48.83

× Average Cost per Out-patient Attendance found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the total number of Out-patients' Attendances (No. 2 in A).

+ Average Cost per Out-patient found by dividing the amounts shown against each heading and total by the total number of new Out-patients (No. 1 in A).

SAMARITAN FUND.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Payments.		£	s.	d.
Balance at 31st December, 1942, as per last Account				16	19	11			
For Spectacles.					For Spectacles.				
Patients	...	43	7	6	Supplied to Patients (175) ...	...	70	7	8
Public Assistance (14) ...	...	8	5	0					
Patients' Employers (8) ...	...	17	13	10	For Convalescence.		94	0	5
Other Sources (23) ...	...	8	9	0	Arranged for Patients (39) ...	...			
For Convalescence.					For Fares for Patients to and from:—				
Patients	...	42	18	6	Eye Infirmary (50) ...	...	5	17	11
Other Sources (5) ...	...	12	11	3	Convalescent Homes (5) ...	...	8	13	2
For Fares to Convalescent Homes.							14	11	1
Other Sources (4) ...	...				For Dentures.		34	7	6
Patients	...	11	15	0	Patients (7) ...	...			
Other Sources ...	...	11	8	0	For Miscellaneous ...	...	1	0	9
For Dentures.					Balance, 31st December, 1943:—				
Grant from the Managing Committee					Cash in hand ...	...	4	12	10
Donations	...				Lloyds Bank, Ltd. ...	...	31	5	9
							35	18	7
							£250	6	0

Wolverhampton,
10th February, 1944.

Audited and found correct,
B. SMITH, SON & WILKIE,
Chartered Accountants.

